

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a plurality of program initiatives, comprising:

a program initiative management tool comprising:

a list of the plurality of program initiatives ~~and~~ including identification information related to the program initiatives and a list of tasks and subtasks that ~~can~~ are scheduled to be performed for during each program initiative, and for each task and subtask to be performed for a particular program initiative, wherein each program initiative is accomplished independently of any other program initiative wherein further, each program initiative produces a project result independent of any other project result:

a target date of completion ~~for the particular program initiative~~, wherein the target date is entered in a manner to differentiate a status of the corresponding task and subtask;

a program initiative delivery process document comprising:

a list of business functionalities entered in a differentiated manner,

a list of activities ~~corresponding to~~ to be performed by the business functionalities, the activities corresponding to at least one task ~~or~~ and at least one subtask in the program initiative management tool, and

~~an indication~~ description of business functionalities that are used as one or more resources for the activities;

a flag to indicate the availability of the resource to meet the target date of completion for the task and subtask;

a jeopardy entered for each task for which a resource is not available when required wherein the jeopardy indicates a conflict of a resource with another task in another program initiative; and

a relational database for storing information related to activities, resources and flags that describe the entries in the program initiative delivery process document.

2. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 1, wherein the program initiative management tool further comprises:

a list of the plurality of program initiatives in rows, one program initiative per row;

one or more columns for providing additional information for each of the program initiatives;

a column corresponding to each task to be performed for each of the program initiatives, with a task heading corresponding to the task;

a column corresponding to each subtask to be performed for each task, with a subtask heading corresponding to the subtask to be performed, and;

a target completion date entered for each task and subtask for each of the plurality of program initiatives, the target completion date entered at the intersection of the column and row corresponding to the task and program initiative respectively, wherein the target completion date is entered in a manner to indicate a status of the task; ~~and~~

~~a jeopardy entered for each task for which a resource or input is not available when required.~~

3. (Original) The system recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of program initiatives is listed in priority order.

4. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 1, wherein the program delivery process document comprises:

a plurality columns corresponding to one or more business functionalities, with the corresponding business unit as a heading;

a plurality of rows corresponding to one or more functional units associated with each a ~~one~~ of the business functionalities, the functional unit listed in the column corresponding to the associated business functionality;

a plurality of additional columns associated with the activities, listing one activity per column in ~~a~~ one of the rows corresponding to the functional unit responsible for the activity; and ~~wherein~~

a functional unit[[s]] to be used as a resource for a particular activity are listed as such in the column corresponding to the activity.

5. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said manner to indicate the task uses color.

6. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said manner to indicate the task uses text formatting.

7. (Original) The system recited in claim 1, wherein the relational database is a web server having a web browser graphical user interface front end.

8. (Original) The system recited in claim 1, wherein tasks not having target completion dates are identified.

9. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for managing a plurality of program initiatives comprising the steps of:

listing the plurality of program initiatives, in priority order, along with identification information related to the program initiatives and one or more tasks that can be performed for each program initiative, ~~in priority order wherein each program initiative is accomplished independently of any other program initiative wherein further, each program initiative produces a project result independent of any other project result;~~

entering a target completion date for each task to be performed in each program initiative in a manner to indicate a status of the corresponding task;

entering one or more resources for each task of each program initiative required to complete the task; and

entering a jeopardy for each task for which at least one resource or an input is being utilized by another program initiative and is not available when required.

10. (Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

entering a list of one or more business functionalities in a differentiated manner;

providing a list of one or more activities corresponding to each of the one or more business functionalities, the one or more activities corresponding to the task or and subtasks in the program initiative ~~management tool~~; and

providing ~~an flag indication of~~ indicating the availability of business functionalities that are used as resources for the one or more activities.

11. (Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

creating a relational database for storing information related to activities, resources and flags that describe the entries ~~in the~~ related to a program initiative delivery process document.

12. (Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of indicating the status of each task and subtask using different colors.

13. (Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of indicating the status of each task and subtask using different text formats.

14. (Original) The method recited in claim 11, further comprising the step of creating the relational database using a server executing a web browser graphical user interface front end.

15. (Currently Amended) The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of identifying tasks and subtasks not having target completion dates.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for identifying one or more jeopardies in a plurality of program initiatives comprising:

a program initiative management tool, showing the plurality of program initiatives in a prioritized list, and for each program initiative, showing a target completion date for each task associated with each program initiative and a jeopardy for each task for which a resource ~~or an input~~ is being utilized by another project initiative and is not available when required, wherein the jeopardy is shown in a manner to differentiate it from a target completion date, wherein each program initiative is accomplished independently of any other program initiative wherein further, each program initiative produces a project result independent of any other project result;

a program initiative delivery process document, ~~that provides~~ providing a template for generating new program initiatives, ~~the program initiative delivery document~~ including a list of one or more business functionalities and functional units corresponding thereto and for each functional unit an indication of which activity ~~the functional unit or for which activities, if any,~~ the functional unit serves as a resource; and

a relational database for storing activities that can be performed by the functional units[[,]] and associated resources, ~~inputs and outputs~~.

17. (Original) The system recited in claim 16, wherein the jeopardy is shown using a different color than any target completion date.

18. (Original) The system recited in claim 16, wherein the jeopardy is shown using a different text format than any target completion date.

19. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 16, wherein each target completion

date is assigned ~~one or more of~~ at least a color and a text format to indicate a status of the task with which it is associated.

20. (Original) The system recited in claim 16, wherein the program initiative management tool comprises a spreadsheet.

21. (Original) The system recited in claim 16, wherein the relational database comprises a web server and web browser graphical user interface front end.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a plurality of program initiatives, comprising:

means for listing the program initiatives according to a pre-determined priority, wherein each program initiative is accomplished independently of any other program initiative wherein further, each program initiative produces a project result independent of any other project result;

means for assigning tasks and subtasks required to complete each program initiative;

means for entering a target completion date for each task and subtask of each program initiative in a manner to indicate a status of the task or subtask;

means for assigning one or more jeopardies to tasks that do not have a required resource ~~or input~~ available when needed;

means for showing the jeopardies in a manner to indicate which subtask of a program initiative ~~task~~ caused the jeopardy; and

means for indicating those tasks that are not required for completion of any one or more of the plurality of program initiatives.

23. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 22, further comprising means for showing the target completion dates and jeopardies, ~~if any,~~ on a spreadsheet.

24. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 22, wherein the means for entering the target completion date includes means for entering the target completion date using ~~one or more of~~ at least a color and a text format to indicate status of the task.

25. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 22, further comprising means for providing additional information regarding activities associated with the tasks and ~~or~~ subtasks.

26. (Original) The system recited in claim 25, further comprising means for providing additional information regarding resources associated with the activities.

27. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 26, further comprising means for providing additional information regarding an input and an output[[s]] associated with the activities.

28. (Original) The system recited in claim 22, further comprising means for providing a template for generating a program initiative.